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2D SESSION S. CON. RES. 64 To recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II.
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 1996 Mr. INOUYE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans
for their defense of democratic ideals and their important

contribution to the outcome of World War II. Whereas the Commonwealth of the Philippines was strategi-

cally located and thus vital to the defense of the United States during World War II; Whereas the military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines were called into the United States Armed Forces during World War II by Executive order and were
put under the command of General Douglas MacArthur; Whereas the participation of the military forces of the Com- monwealth of the Philippines in the battles of Bataan

and Corregidor and in other smaller skirmishes delayed

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and disrupted the initial Japanese effort to conquer the Western Pacific; Whereas that delay and disruption allowed the United States

the vital time to prepare the forces which were needed to
drive the Japanese from the Western Pacific and to de-

feat Japan; Whereas after the recovery of the Philippine Islands from

Japan, the United States was able to use the strategically located Commonwealth of the Philippines as a base from

which to launch the final efforts to defeat Japan; Whereas every American deserves to know the important con-

tribution that the military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines made to the outcome of World War II;

and Whereas the Filipino World War II veterans deserve recogni-

tion and honor for their important contribution to the
outcome of World War II: Now, therefore, be it
1 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
2 concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the

3 President should issue a proclamation which recognizes 4 and honors the Filipino World War II veterans for their

5 defense of democratic ideals and their important contribu-
6 tion to the outcome of World War II.

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